

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicates that claims 1-15 are pending. This is incorrect. On January 10, 2006 a Preliminary Amendment was filed, wherein claim 1 was amended and claims 11 and 15 were cancelled. A check of PAIR indicates that this amendment was received and is of record. Thus, the claims pending in this application at the time of the Office Action were 1-10 and 12-14. By the foregoing amendment, new dependent claims 16 and 17 have been added. No new matter has been added. Thus, following entry of this amendment, claims 1-10, 12-14, 16 and 17 will be pending.

In response to the election requirement with respect to Step A of claim 1, Applicant provisionally elects without traverse, as follows:

Substituent/Variable	Provisionally Elected Species
R1	H
R2	H
R3	H
R4	Alkyl
R5	Alkyl
R6	H
R	a linear peptide of from 2 to 6 amino acid residues
n	1

In response to the election requirement with respect to Step B of claim 1 (previously claim 11), Applicant provisionally elects flavones or derivatives, prodrugs or congeners thereof.

All claims 1-10, 12-14, 16 and 17 read on the provisionally elected species.

Conclusion

Applicant believes all the pending claims to be in condition for allowance. Issuance of a notice of allowance is earnestly solicited. No fee is seen to be due in connection with the filing of this paper. However, if any fee is properly determined to be due in connection with the filing of this paper, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct such fee from Deposit Account No. 50-0878. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would in any way expedite the prosecution of the application, please do not hesitate to call the undersigned at telephone (949) 450-1750.

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